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SUBJ: CHIANG CHING LETTER TO HSU SHIH-YU ON PARACELS, ANTI-LIN  
CAMPAIGN

REF: HONG KONG 2997

1. FOLLOWING IS QUOTED FROM OIR 0525, FEBRUARY 74. SOURCE HAD BEEN A DOCTOR IN A HOSPITAL IN KWANGTUNG PRIOR TO HIS RECENT ILLEGAL DEPARTURE. HE IS DESCRIBING CENTRAL PARTY COMMITTEE DOCUMENT NUMBER 4, WHICH WAS READ OUT AT A MEETING IN HIS HOSPITAL ON FEBRUARY 10.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. THE DOCUMENT WAS IN THE FORM OF A LETTER FROM CHIANG CHING TO THE COMMANDER CANTON MILITARY REGION HSU SHIH-YU AND WAS IN TWO PARTS.

A. CONGRATULATORY. THE FIRST PART OF THE LETTER OFFERED  
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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PLA WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE

OCCUPATION OF THE PARACEL ISLANDS. THEIR BRAVERY AND HEROISM SHOWN AGAINST THE TROOPS OF SOUTH VIETNAM REFLECTED GLORY ON THE MOTHERLAND. HER THANKS WERE TO BE CONVEYED TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED.

B. CRITICISM. THERE WAS WIDESPREAD CONCERN WITHIN THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE REGARDING THE CAMPAIGN OF CRITICISM OF LIN PIAO AND CONFUCIUS. INSUFFICIENT EFFORT WAS BEING MADE IN RIGOROUSLY IMPLEMENTING THE CAMPAIGN AND THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE PEOPLE WAS NOT AROUSED. END QUOTE.

3. SOURCE COMMENT; BEGIN QUOTE. AUDIENCE REACTION. LITTLE OR NO INTEREST WAS DISPLAYED BY THOSE PERSONS PRESENT AT THE MEETING ALTHOUGH THEY WERE AWARE THAT THE LIKELIHOOD OF HAVING TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE BY WAY OF POSTER WRITING AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING WAS INEVITABLE.

REACTION TO THE CAMPAIGN. IN SOURCE'S OPINION NO ONE WAS ABSOLUTELY CLEAR AS TO THE AIMS OF THE CAMPAIGN. NO PARTICULAR TARGET HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AND THEREFORE EVERYONE WAS MOST RELUCTANT TO TAKE ANY ACTION FOR FEAR OF THE ACTION BEING SUBSEQUENTLY DUBBED COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY. AFTER THE MEETING WORK CONTINUED AS NORMAL AND SOURCE THOUGHT THAT NOTHING WOULD HAPPEN UNTIL THE CAMPAIGN WAS TRANSLATED INTO SIMPLE TERMS THAT THE AVERAGE PERSON COULD UNDERSTAND. END QUOTE.

4. COMMENT. IF THIS REPORT IS ACCURATE, THE CHIANG CHING METAPHOR IN THE RECENT PARACELS POEM PUBLISHED BY THE PRC TAKES ON MORE INTEREST (REFTTEL). WHILE THE REPORT IS FRAGMENTARY, ONE POSSIBLE IMPLICATION IS THAT PART A WHICH PRAISES HSU'S TROOPS IS SUGAR COATING FOR PART B WHICH FINDS FAULT WITH HSU'S CONDUCT OF THE ANTI-LIN/CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN. HSU HAS NOT MADE A PUBLIC APPEARANCE FOR SOME TIME, BUT COMCEIVABLE HE IS BUSY WITH MILITARY AFFAIRS. NCNA MARCH 17 REPORTED PRC TROOPS IN THE PARACELS TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN THE ANTI-LIN/CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN. PERHAPS HSU GOT THE MESSAGE AND IS NOW FIGHTING ON THAT FRONT, TOO. DEAN

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